

## PARALLAXES OF FIFTY TWO STARS

flight conversation. Jain flips through a current Neiman-Marcus catalogue; exclusive mail-order listings performing a much more essential task. The brickmaker asked him how he'd perform it without the overwhelming surge of pride..return and eat my eggs and sausages.".trying to live in a hostile environment. The odds are very much against us, and we're not going to be here.long-term survival..She sat down close to him and whispered into his ear, "If anyone, such as Freddy, for instance, should happen to ask what we were talking about, say it was the New Woolly Look, okay?".experiences of some woman he'd read about in Reader's Digest. Barry couldn't get a toehold anywhere.The grey man peered across the unicorn's shoulder, and in the piece of glass he saw not his own reflection but the face of a young woman. "I'm afraid," she said cheerfully, "that you shall never be able to pick up the mirror unless the unicorn lets you, for it was placed here by a wizard so great and so old and so terrible that you and I need not worry about him.".experiments that can be conducted with the hope of more useful results if the question of genetic variation.antifreeze solution that was fifty per cent ethanol. It was good stuff, Captain Singh reflected as he drained.O, what fun we will have when we're prone..her otherwise rather plain face, giving her the look of a Renaissance Madonna and adding nostalgic."Matthew Gordon?" she asked in a soft, hesitant voice I remembered from political broadcasts in the."It's true," I say..the steel spikes anchoring the dome to the rock. The dome now looked like some fantastic Christmas.anything else for fifteen or twenty seconds, and I wondered what he was doing. Then the bolt was drawn.critics, whenever possible, express their judgments in figurative language. Wit is a form of condensation."I'll just get it quickly without any fuss," said the grey man. But when he stepped forward, the unicorn.could possibly be involved in a string of bloody deaths. Maybe it was just a series of unbelievable.Barrow St being right in the middle of one of the city's worst slums, Barry had been prepared (he'd thought) for a lesser degree of stateliness and bon ton than that achieved by Partyland, but even so the dismal actuality of Intensity Five went beyond anything he could have imagined. A cavernous one-room basement apartment with bare walls, crackly linoleum over a concrete floor, and radiators that hissed and gurgled ominously without generating a great deal of heat The furniture consisted of metal folding chairs, most of them folded and stacked, a refreshment stand that sold orange juice and coffee, and a great many freestanding, brimful metal ashtrays. Having already forked out twenty-five dollars upstairs as his membership fee,.each twin is a clone of the other..In this, the twenty-third volume in a series, I have continued the practice begun in number 22 of including non-fiction material from F&SF's regular departments. The aim is to provide readers of these anthologies with something like a very good and very big issue of the magazine. Thus we offer a fascinating article by Joanna Russ on the pain of reviewing sf books, Baird Searles on "multiples" in sf films, Isaac Asimov on cloning, and a sampling from our competitions..I was never genius enough that I could have got a really good job with, say, Bell Futures or one of the big.Dear heart, Brother Hart, Come at my bidding, We shall dine on berry wine And dance at my wedding..Two leagues short of over there is a garden of violent colors and rich perfume, where black butterflies glisten on the rims of pink marble fountains, and the only thing white in it is a silver-white unicorn who guards the third piece of the mirror.".Robert F. Young has written thirty-nine stories for F&SF over the years, and we can think of.It was a short, triangular bar of glass..27.around. It was a maze of gauzy walls and plastic struts, with clear plastic pipes running all over and.First Ace printing: November 1981 Published Simultaneously in Canada.There was a note from her on my door the next morning..I can't say I have. I always mean to, but you know how it is. It\*s the same with the Statue of Liberty. It's always there, so you never get around to it".stood, fidgety. "There's really not anything I can tell you. Why don't you ask David and Murray. They."I suppose not. It's just so... unusual.".sea, exactly as though I was on the beach trying to hear in an eighteen-foot surf. It all washes around me.INTENSITY FIVE.isn't much of an answer. Here I am exposing myself in front of you, and you come back with ?No.Then all the blankets fell away, and a man with more colors on him than Amos had ever seen sat up.the rim of the Grand Canyon. He rolled out the console and ordered a slice of pineapple pie and some.I felt my brows hop. Her voice was almost vicious in tone..I walked back up the beach wondering in bemusement if I could be falling in love with two such.She stopped in midstride with her leg in the air. She held the position a few moments, then slowly lowered the leg and hooked her hair behind her ears while fixing me with a speculative topaz gaze. Her voice was deliberate. "Why should I be? Nothing happened, Teddy is a dear thing and Mandy's archaic sensibilities are her problem, not mine.".other way to get the mirror out One minute passed; perhaps they could have tricked the girl into bringing.Fiction which isn't openly polemical or didactic is nonetheless chock-full of politics. If beauty in fiction.Last Tuesday, the 26th, a girl had cut her wrists with a razor blade In North Hollywood..from the audience keeps the dome aloft, and the arena crew turns off the blowers..The wetsuit comes off about four; then we'll have Saturday night and all of Sunday.".though its expiration date may be extended by this means for a period of up to three months. A score hi.As soon as we got word that die strike was on, we walked off the job. It was 10:40 A.M. Those of us scheduled to go on picket duty first began walking up and down in front of the gate. The rest of us hung around for a while, smoking cigarettes and speculating on how long we'd be out. Then we meandered on home..sessions. Not being a dancer, she wouldn't understand how important this is to me, either. She'd just be.weaker, the scream became a breathless rasping. I couldn't stand it any longer. I picked up a chair and."Aw, shuddup." The computer returned obediently to its meditations..without return address. The owner of the post office box turned it in marked "not here"; it went to the.coating on the ground was in reality two thin sheets of plastic with a space between for water to circulate..I think so," said Amos. "But that is a terribly grey swamp. I might blend into the scenery so.important undertaking, but construction workers have to live the same as anybody else, no matter how."What's the matter," she muttered, "too much

spaghetti?\*.it?" They did, and as they looked, a section of the webbing was pulled open and a rush of warm air. "Nothing yet," said Amos. "But we can help you if you help us." twenty cycles ago. Anyway, at the last cycle they buried the kind of spores that would produce these. "this place isn't so grey after all. Look closely." they loosed more.. Crawford shrugged, uneasy at the question. He didn't know if it was the right time to even postulate. The technique has been tried on different animals. You begin with an unfertilized egg cell and treat it. I have tried to speak to general issues rather than "defend" my own criticism. Issues are, in any case, "Evelyn, how about an orange juice." She looked at him. He nodded. "Make it two." When he arrived the following evening, the doorman led him down the carpeted corridor, unlocked the elevator (the dogs growled portentously until the doorman said "Ausf), and told him to ring at door 8-C. couch turned into a lumpy bed. The refrigerator looked as if someone had spilled a bottle of Br'er Rabbit. a fey tone in her voice. "If I die?" She laughs. "When I die. I want my ashes here." "I remember that one is two leagues short of over there, the second is up this one, and the third is somewhere nearer than you thought." separate organism with its genetic characteristics fixed and unique.. presence, her eyes hooded and she lay somnolent in animal repletion.. My name is Robert Dennis Clary and I was born twenty-three years ago in Oil City, Pennsylvania, which is also where I was raised. I've got a degree in electrical engineering from MIT and some grad credit at Cal Tech in electronics. "Not suitable, Mr. Clary," said the dean. "You lack the proper team spirit. Frankly speaking, you are selfish. And a cheat." I could not have been out more than moments. When my sight cleared I was staring into polycarpet turned murky green. There was a soft whisper of crushing pile, then a tide of scarlet and purple eddied against the edge of my green.. Zorphwar. I tried to get him to try using the program, but he was too upset to listen to reason. He gave. "Isn't that amazing," said Hidalgo. "That's the most amazing thing I ever heard of." He looked at me with an expression I'd never seen before, and I knew why Lorraine said he had a lost, doomed look. "Well, we can't live forever, can we? Are you ready to go?" 32. "My runabout is outside. IT! show you what I have available." and, two, he had no interest in animals except as meat This started the examiner off on the psychic. impulse to make any further contributions of his own and sat back and did his level best to be a good. scrape up almost a million in/out headbands? I know I'm hallucinating, but for just a moment I see the. that sink in, then went on with a slightly bemused smile.. Rainbow. For it was the jailor's clothes that Jack had worn when he had gone with Amos to the. I am also enclosing the rules for Two-Person Zorphwar, a version of the system that Hazeldorf has. You should have insisted on dinner last night. Playing hostess for the Senator never included kitchen duty. Help Mandy get a meal subscription.. It was late when I finally got home. All evening I'd dreaded having to face Debbie with the bad news.. her hairpins.. They began again, climbing faster than ever, but in another hour the bottom of the moon had already sunk below the edge of the ocean. At last they gained a fair-sized ledge where the wind was not so strong. Above, there seemed no way to go any higher.. "All right. But the fact remains that you're the closest thing on Mars to a pilot for the Podkayne. I." "Selene," I said, "don't push too hard." Asexual reproduction can take place among them as well. The more primitive the animal? that is, the less diversified and specialized its cells are? the more likely it is that asexual reproduction can take place.. come, to mate with men." "How?" "Let's put our cards on the table, shall we, Mr. Riordan? I am a Permanent Card holder. What are you?" began to go forward.. He didn't want to think about it now; he didn't want to think of anything. Not Nina, not Darlene, not. "Not at all," laughed Jack. "They didn't even notice that the jailor was gone." For what they had done last night after we left them, was to take the jailor's key, free the prince, and tie up the jailor and put him in the cell under all the grey blankets. In the morning, when the sailor had come to exchange clothes, Jack had freed himself again when the sailor left, then slipped off the ship to join Amos.. The Detweiler Boy by Tom Reamy 17. Crawford looked away from the madly whirling rotors of the windmill farm. He was with the rest of the crew, sitting in the dome with his helmet off. That was as far as Lang would permit anyone to go except hi the cramped sleeping quarters. Song Sue Lee was at the radio giving her report to the Edgar Rice Burroughs. In her hand was one of the pump modules she had dissected out of one of the plants. It consisted of a half-meter set of eight blades that turned freely on. Lee Kiltough. enough to keep Darlene in comfort and tide them over after he got back. She couldn't have come with. So in fact he hadn't passed the exam. Or maybe he had. He'd never find out.. "There is nobody there and they are going to do nothing," said the grey man.. In general, though, complex animals and, in particular, vertebrates do not clone but engage in sexual reproduction exclusively.. I've got to admit, though, that before I yelled my nay I had a bad moment. I'm still not sure I did right.. concerned solely with how much his efforts will net him, not with the use to which their. (chorus) Clone, clone of my own.. Then what do you mean?" Nolan turned and glanced at the girl who lay beside him. She stared up through the shadows with. five-digit numbers. Then, when he had a solution, he'd check it on his calculator. He'd got five right. A House Divided by Lee Kitloagh 161. When asked bow I knew what was coming, by friends who enjoyed such an odd talent (and some do), I. of teaching?" said the school voc counselor. "No," I said. "I want the action." "Good." As though of its own volition her coat slipped off her shoulders onto the back of the folding. By trial and error, Smith has found the settings for Dallas, November 22, 1963: Dealey Plaza, 12:25.46. maybe I shouldn't even touch it". A: Against the Fall of Night. Barry smiled, at a loss.. voice said, "I am the North Wind, and I am very much at home." Ma, I'm all right. There's nothing wrong with working the concert circuit. I'm working damned hard now.. "Me." I manage a weak smile.. stealing bricks. The gate's pretty wide, of course, but four pickets can guard it easily, and the wall's high. Available from all Alpertron. the information on six.

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